CULTURAL PROGRAM : OCTOBER 2026

Alliance Française
Dar Es Salaam

OCTOBER 2026 : RECAP

THU 1ST
DANCE

Muda Kona, Kijitonyama
7:30pm
Donation Accepted

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A Tanzanian dance-theatre performance exploring the meaning of paradise.

WED 7TH
MUSIC

Le jardin
7:30pm
Free Entrance

JUMATANO GROOVE #190
MARAFIKI FESTIVAL SPECIAL
The Birds (TZ) : Afro-Fusion
Afromob (TZ) : Singeli

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Le jardin
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KALAM SALAAM #26
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WOMANMOON SHOWCASE
A celebration of womanhood through dance and movement.

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EXHIBITION

La galerie
6:30pm
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TUESDAY GROOVE
Nasty Nate : House Music & Amapiano

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WED 28TH **DISCUSSION**	**La galerie** **5:30pm** Free Entrance	**BEYOND AWARENESS** Exploring lived experiences of autism and mental health through art, psychology and activism.
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PEPONI BY HOUSE OF WONDAR

A Tanzanian dance-theatre performance exploring the meaning of paradise.

PEPONI is a Tanzanian contemporary dance-theatre performance exploring the idea of paradise from a Tanzanian perspective. Through movement, music and audience participation, it invites us to reflect on whether we can create our own paradise, here and now, on the African continent.

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JUMATANO GROOVE #190 MARAFIKI FESTIVAL SPECIAL

The Birds (TZ) : Afro-Fusion
Afromob (TZ) : Singeli

Sisi ni Ndege (The Birds) is a Tanzanian music collective spreading Love, Hope and Peace through music and storytelling. After performing at major festivals and venues including Bwagamoyo Africulture and Nafasi Art Space, the group presented its BENINGI concert series, including BENINGI III in June 2026. The event also features Afromob, a 50+ member dance group promoting Tanzania's Singeli dance culture.

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MARAFIKI ARTS FESTIVAL
ARTS FROM THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE

A MONTHLY CELEBRATION Kalam Salaam OF SWAHILI LITERATURE

MUSIC AND OUR HISTORY

na John Kitime

THU 8TH
MUSIC

Le jardin
7:00pm
Free Entrance

KALAM SALAAM #26

Exploring how Tanzanian music preserves history by music legend John Kitime.

Join music legend and historian John Kitime for a journey through Tanzania's musical history, from different eras and sounds to the stories they tell. Featuring specially selected songs, this event explores how music has captured and preserved the country's history.

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FRI 9TH
DANCE

Le jardin
7:00pm
Free Entrance

WOMANMOON SHOWCASE

A celebration of womanhood through.

Womanmoon is a multidisciplinary performance celebrating womanhood, feminine energy and sisterhood through contemporary dance, music and movement. Inspired by the connection between women, nature and the lunar cycle, the project explores vulnerability, transformation, power and resilience.

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EMBAJADA DE ESPAÑA EN TANZANIA

WOMEN - LED

EXHIBITION:
DIFFERENT
TUE 13TH
6:30pm
La galerie

OPENING 13TH OCT UNTIL 6TH NOV

EXHIBITION

La galerie
6:30pm
Free Entrance

DIFFERENT

An exhibition exploring autism, disability identity, and social stigma through art.

Hedwiga Medard is a multidisciplinary visual artist based in Dar es Salaam, working across painting, papercraft, textiles and mural art. With a background in Earth Sciences, she brings her fascination with nature and research into her creative practice. Her work uses visual storytelling to explore personal experiences, disability, neurodevelopmental conditions and social stigma.

Hedwiga has created large-scale murals for Julius Nyerere International Airport, the Royal Norwegian Embassy and the Embassy of Sweden in Tanzania, and has participated in artistic residencies including the Wild Mural Projects in Zanzibar. Her work has been exhibited at Alliance Française de Dar es Salaam, Rangi Gallery, the National Museum of Tanzania and internationally in Germany. She has also collaborated with the Lukiza Autism Foundation and illustrated Every Queen Deserves a Crown.

Through this exhibition, Hedwiga seeks to create greater understanding of autism, disability and mental health, while challenging the assumptions and stigma surrounding difference. Through painting, textiles, text and installation, the exhibition invites audiences to connect with diverse lived experiences, develop empathy and reflect on how society perceives and responds to those who are seen as different.

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TUESDAY GROOVE

Nasty Nate : House Music & Amapiano

Nasty Nate is a Tanzanian House Music and Amapiano DJ based in Dar es Salaam, with over 10 years of experience in the local electronic music scene. He specialises in Deep House, Afro House, Afro Tech, 3-Step and Amapiano, creating carefully curated sets that can focus on a single genre or smoothly blend different sounds into a unique and groovy experience.

From sunset sessions to peak-hour sets, Nasty Nate is known for creating an energetic atmosphere while keeping his music selection versatile and engaging. Over the years, his career has taken him beyond Tanzania, including performances in Nairobi's thriving electronic music scene, while also leading him to work with major international brands such as Martini, Bacardi, Jameson and Smirnoff Ice.

With his distinctive sound and experience across different styles, Nasty Nate has established himself as a recognised figure in Tanzania's growing electronic music community.

SAT 17TH
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Le jardin
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Free Entrance

USIKU WA HIP-HOP

A night of Hip-Hop with rap battles, a DJ set, live performances and dance battles.

USIKU WA HIP-HOP marks the 1st edition of a new Hip-Hop event at AFDAR, bringing together Tanzanian artists, emerging talents and Hip-Hop lovers for a night celebrating the culture's energy and creativity. The programme features rap cypher battles, dance battles, DJ sets and live performances, showcasing the many expressions of Hip-Hop in Tanzania, from powerful bars and beats to movement and live performance.

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TUE 20TH
CINEMA

Le jardin
7:30pm
Free Entrance

ZIFF OPENING

An alternate Nigeria where agriculture holds the key to power.

Join ZIFF Mainland's Opening Night at Alliance Française for the award-winning Nigerian film A Land Apart, winner of the 2026 ZIFF Best Feature Film Award. Set in an alternate Nigeria where agriculture, rather than oil, drives the country's wealth, the film follows an heiress facing a major choice over a life-saving crop formula. The screening will be followed by a post-film debate facilitated by ZIFF.

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ZANZIBAR INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

WED 21ST
MUSIC

Le jardin
7:30pm
Free Entrance

JUMATANO GROOVE #191
SINGELI FEST SPECIAL

Manfongo (TZ), Kidewizo (TZ), K-Pizo (TZ) : Singeli

A special live edition of Jumatano Groove celebrating the energy of Tanzanian Singeli, featuring K-Pizo, Man Fongo and Kidewizo. From Man Fongo's influential career to the new generation of Singeli artists, expect high-energy performances rooted in Dar es Salaam's street culture "The land apart".

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PANEL DISCUSSION

BEYOND AWARENESS:

ART, LIVED EXPERIENCE AND THE POWER TO CHANGE THE NARRATIVE

A discussion on autism, mental health awareness & activism.

WEDNESDAY
October 28, 2026
5:30 pm

Panelist	Moderator	Panelist	Panelist	Panelist
RACHEL WINFRIDA MZENGI	MARIAM SIMBEYE	HILDA NKABE	ELIUS WILLIAM	HEDWIGA MEDARD

You Are Not Invisible, We See You!

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DSM, ALI HASSAN MWINYI RD,
BEHIND LAS VEGAS CASINO

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7:30pm
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JUMATANO GROOVE #192

Marleen Xplastaz (TZ) : Afro-Fusion

Marleen Xplastaz is a Tanzanian singer, songwriter and live performer known for her powerful voice and vibrant stage presence. Since 2020, she has developed her sound through Afrobeat and contemporary African influences. Her music explores love, healing, confidence and life experiences. She is also a model, makeup artist, hairstylist and dancer, and winner of the Shining Star Africa Awards – Best Rising Star of East Africa.

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EMBAJADA DE ESPAÑA EN TANZANIA

WOMEN - LED

SAT 31TH
LANGUAGE

Le jardin
4:00 - 6:00pm
Free Entrance

LANGUAGE CAFE #14

Learning language through coffee and conversation.

Alliance Française de Dar es Salaam invites the public to a special Halloween edition of its Language Café on Saturday, 31 October 2026, from 4 to 6 PM. For this spooky edition, participants will practise languages through fun activities, conversations and scary stories, all in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Whether you are learning a language, looking to improve your skills or simply want to meet other language speakers, the Language Café is open to all levels.

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OUR CLASSES

The Alliance Française of Dar Es Salaam is a Tanzanian non-profit organization founded in 1961. It is the first French language institution in Dar Es Salaam offering a wide range of courses to suit all levels and needs.

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